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SUBJ: AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS PROPOSAL FOR CAR/SAM CONSIDERATION

SUB-POLAR ROUTES AUSTRALIA-SOUTH AMERICA

1. AUSTRALIAN REP CALLED ON US FOR DISCUSSION RE PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH ARGENTINE REQUEST (CAR/SAM WP36 AND WP42).

2. AUSTRALIAN REP SHOWED USREP AND US COMMISSIONER TELEGRAMS INDICATING ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAS TOLD AUSTRALIA IT INTENDS TO MAINTAIN REQUEST FOR ADDING ROUTES TO CAR/SAM AGENDA BECAUSE PREPARATIONS SHOULD BE MADE FOR 1978 REPEAT 78 OPERATIONS. (NEXT CAR/SAM WILL NOT TAKE PLACE FOR FIVE YEARS.)

3. CANBERRA HAS TOLD AUSTRALIAN REP THAT NEW ZEALAND WILL NOT BE ATTENDING CAR/SAM BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL STRAITS, AND SUGGESTS THAT AUSTRALIA REPRESENTATION SHOULD BE FROM MONTREAL (REGINALD GROSS, COUNCIL REP) OR FROM WASHINGTON (EMBASSY) FOR SAME REASON. THEREFORE AUSTRALIAN REP WAS ASKED BY CABLE TO DISCUSS SUBJECT AGAIN WITH USMISSION. TELEGRAM SAYS THAT AUSTRALIAN POSITION IN CAR/SAM WILL BE GREATLY INFLUENCED BY US POSITION. MEANWHILE AUSTRALIAN TRANSPORTATION ATTACHE/WASH WAS INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT CARY/IA/FAA FOR CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER.

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4. USREP ADVISED AUSTRALIA THAT THE MATTER BEST BE PUT IN DEPARTMENTAL CHANNELS AT THIS TIME--ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF COMPLICATED NATURE OF THESE SPECIAL ROUTES: QUESTION OF TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY IN CONNECTION WITH PROVIDING ANTARTICA/COM/MET/ATS; THE COMPLICATED AND TREMENDOUSLY EXPENSIVE QUESTION OF PROVISION OF SERVICE BY COUNTRIES NOW MAINTAINING POSTS IN ANTARTICA; AND THE BASIC QUESTION OF BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT WHICH UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD BE MENTIONED IN CAR/SAM.

5. AUSTRALIA'S POSITION REMAINS AS EXPRESSED IN WP42 AND AUSTRALIA REP FEELS THAT IF THE ARGENTINE ROUTE PROJECTIONS COME BEFORE CAR/SAM AT ALL IT SHOULD BE SIMPLY FOR PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION AND POSSIBLE PLANNING AT NEXT (1981) CAR/SAM. US COMMISSIONER POINTED OUT THAT IF ARGENTINA PERSISTS AND INSISTS ON HAVING ROUTES CONSIDERED, THERE IS NO BASIS FOR THE RAN REFUSING TO PROCEED. THE ONLY POSSIBILITY IS FOR COUNTRIES CONCERNED AND INVOLVED TO GET ARGENTINA TO WITHDRAW PAPER OR GO ALONG WITH ASKING CAR/SAM TO SIMPLY NOTE ITS CONTENTS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. AUSTRALIAN REP SAYS THAT ARGENTINE REP ON COUNCIL CONTINUES TO AGREE THAT SUBPOLAR ROUTE PLANNING IS PREMATURE. HE WILL ENDEAVOR TO PUT PRESSURE ON GOA TO MODIFY ITS POSITION.

5. FYI: USREP AND COMMISSIONER LEARNED FROM IATA OFFICIALS INFORMALLY THAT THEY ARE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE ARGENTINE REQUEST WHICH WAS PUT IN IATA WORKING PAPER AT INSISTENCE OF AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS. END FYI.

6. SUBSEQUENT TO ABOVE MEETING AUSTRALIAN REP CALLED USREP TO ADVISE THAT WOODROFFE (AUSTRALIAN ATTACHE/WASHINGTON) HAD BEEN ADVISED BY CAREY/FAA THAT USG WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE A POSITION ON THIS MATTER FOR 5-6 WEEKS PENDING WOLFE'S ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON AND "PULLING EVERYONE TOGETHER." (USREP UNDERSTANDS THAT WOLFE HAS BEEN NOMINATED BY FAA TO HEAD USDEL TO CAR/SAM.) ARGENTINA SUBPOLAR ROUTE IS VERY COMPLEX SUBJECT. US IS INVOLVED ONLY TO EXTEND THAT IT'S ONE OF THE NATIONALITIES HOLDING FORTH IN ANTARTICA. WHILE WE MAY WANT TO GIVE SUPPORT TO THE AUSTRALIAN/NEW ZEALAND EFFORT TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF ARGENTINE ROUTE PROPOSAL, WE SHOULD NOT TAKE INITIATIVE. PROCEDURALLY, IF IATA PAPER IS LEFT IN AND COMES BEFORE CAR/SAM, EFFORT WILL HAVE TO BE MADE BY MEETING TO DO PRELIMINARY PLANNING IN KEEPING WITH DIRECTIVES TO RAN'S, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND TO AVOID HAVING ROUTES FAVORED BY US ELIMINATED FROM CONSIDERATION BY THE MEETING.

7. USREP: WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT. AUSTRALIAN REP HOPED FOR US POSITION BY COB AUGUST 20 SINCE HE WILL BE AWAY NEXT TWO WEEKS (INCLUDING VISIT TO GANDER). ALTHOUGH GUIDANCE IN THIS SHORT PERIOD MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE, USREP SUGGESTS THAT IF RPT IF WE ARE TO COLLABORATE WITH AUSTRALIANS IN SIDE-

TRACKING ARGENTINE PROPOSAL, IT WILL BE HELPFUL TO HAVE INSTRUCTIONS
ON RETURN OF REPRESENTATIVE SEPTEMBER 3. USREP WOULD APPRECIATE
BEING KEPT ADVISED RE ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY/
WASHINGTON.
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